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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4 and 8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-3 and 5-7, drawn to limiting access to resources on a network, classified in class 709, subclass 229.
 - II. Claims 4 and 8, drawn to managing resources connected through a computer network, classified in class 709, subclass 223.
2. Inventions Group I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention Group II has separate utility such as managing resources connected through a computer network. See MPEP § 806.05(d).
3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. During a telephone conversation with David Brinkman on 9/28/2004 a provisional election was made with traverse, and without prejudice to filing a divisional for the non-elected claims, to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-3 and 5-7. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 4 and 8 are withdrawn from

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further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-3 and 5-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Baker et al (US Patent No 5,696,898).

7. In reference to claims 1 and 5, Baker teaches a method of regulating network access to selected functions of a controller of a machine, wherein the controller is coupled to a network having a web server that publishes a plurality of web screens configured to control the selected functions of the controller, and at least one remote computer connected to the web server that receives the published web screens (Abstract and Summary), the method comprising:

identifying a network address of a user accessing the web server via the network (column 1 lines 43-50 & 56-67, column 4 lines 14-40, and claim 1); and

restricting access of the user to selected published web screens of the plurality of web screens published by the web server based upon the identified address of the user (Summary, column 3 line 64 – column 4 line 5, column 4 lines 14-35 and column 5 lines 6-15 & 25-50).

8. In reference to claims 2 and 6, Baker teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein a user accessing the web server via the at least one remote computer is restricted in access to a

subset of the plurality of published web screens (Summary, column 3 line 64 – column 4 line 5, column 4 lines 14-35 and column 5 lines 6-15 & 25-50).


9. In reference to claims 3 and 7, Baker teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein a user accessing the web server via the web server is unrestricted in access to the plurality of published web screens (Summary, column 3 line 64 – column 4 line 5, column 5 lines 6-15 and claims 2 & 3).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramy M Osman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4008. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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